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SUBJECT:MUNITIONS CONTROL: SALE OF EQUIPMENT TO JDA

1.WATKINS-JOHNSON INTERNATIONAL HAS REQUESTED THE MUNITIONS CONTROL OFFICE TO PERMIT THE EXPORT OF YIG FILTERS (AIR FORCE STOCK NUMBERS 5895-929-6883 AND 5895-079-4987) TO SEKI AND CO., LTD., 9, 2-CHOME, NIHONBASSHI, KOAMICHO, CHOU-KU, TOKYO, JAPAN, FOR ITS SALE TO THE JAPAN DEFENSE AGENCY. THESE FILTERS ARE TO BE USED AT THE JDA FACILITY AT WAKKANAI. ALTHOUGH THE END ITEMS THEMSELVES ARE UNCLASSIFIED, SOME DESIGN INFORMATIONS WHICH THE MANUFACTURER NEEDS, INCLUDING THE FREQUENCY RANGE, IS CLASSIFIED SECRET BECAUSE THIS INFORMATION COULD BE USED BY A POTENTIAL OPPONENT TO DEFEAT THE PURPOSE OF THE EQUIPMENT. THE AIR FORCE NO LONGER USES THE FLR-12 SYSTEM IN WHICH THE FILTERS ARE INSTALLED AND THEREFORE HAS NO DIRECT INTEREST IN THE CONTINUED CLASSIFICATION OF THIS INFORMATION, BUT WE HAVE MADE THIS EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND
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BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT COMPROMISE THE DATA ON FREQUENCY

RANGES. IT IS ALSO, OF COURSE, IN THE GOJ'S INTEREST THAT THIS INFORMATION NOT BE RELEASED.

2. THERE ARE THREE WAYS THAT THE DATA CAN BE GIVEN TO THE MANUFACTURER WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE SECURITY OF THE SYSTEM: A) THE USG GIVE WATKINS-JOHNSON THE NECESSARY DATA

AND AUTHORIZE THE FIRM TO MANUFACTURE AND SUPPLY THEM TO THE JAPANESE PURCHASER WITHOUT SUPPLYING THE TECHNICAL DATA WITH THEM. WITHOUT THIS DATA, HOWEVER, THE END USER WOULD BE UNABLE TO TEST THE FILTERS TO ENSURE THAT THEY MEET SPECIFICATIONS. THIS OPTION IS ALSO UNDESIRABLE FROM THE USG POINT OF VIEW BECAUSE WE WOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN THE TRANSACTION WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT THE MANUFACTURED ITEMS MEET SPECIFICATIONS.

B) SUPPLY THE ITEMS UNDER THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES PROGRAM WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE THE JAPANESE SUPPLIER AND PROTECT THE DATA UNDER US SECURITY PROCEDURES.

C) PROVIDE THE DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS TO THE JDA AND MAKE THE GOJ RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCUREMENT SECURITY.

WHILE THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT OPTION C IS THE MOST EFFICIENT COURSE TO FOLLOW, OPTION B IS ALSO ACCEPTABLE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY CONTACT JDA TO DETERMINE HOW IT WISHES TO HANDLE THIS MATTER.

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